CLAIMS

1. A method (300;500) of sharing information among at least two data processing entities, the method including the steps of:

selecting (318;518) a block of information on a first one of the data processing entities,

storing (321-336;521-548) the block of information in a predefined shared file in response to at least one shortcut command, and

retrieving (339-357;551-572) the block of information from the shared file on a second one of the data processing entities in response to at least one further shortcut command.

2. The method (300) according to claim 1, wherein the at least one shortcut command includes a customized shortcut command, the step of storing (321-336) the block of information in the shared file including:

inserting (321) the block of information into a first clipboard of the first data processing entity,

opening (324-330) the shared file in response to the shortcut command,

pasting (333) the block of information from the first clipboard into the shared file, and

saving (336) the shared file.

3. The method (300) according to claim 2, wherein the at least one further shortcut command consists of the shortcut command, the step of retrieving (339-357) the block of information on the second data processing entity including:

opening (339-348) the shared file in response to the shortcut command,

selecting (351) a further block of information in the shared file,

inserting (354) the further block of information into a second clipboard of the second data processing entity, and

pasting (357) the further block of information from the second clipboard.

4. The method (500) according to claim 1, wherein the at least one shortcut command consists of a first and a second shortcut commands, the step of storing (521-548) the block of information in the shared file including the automatic execution of the following steps in response to each shortcut command:

copying (524) or cutting (527) the block of information into a first clipboard of the first data processing entity in response to the first shortcut command or to the second shortcut command, respectively,

flushing (530-539) the shared file,

pasting (542) the block of information from the first clipboard into the shared file, and

saving (545) the shared file.

5. The method (500) according to claim 4, wherein the at least one further shortcut command consists of a third shortcut command, the step of retrieving (551-572) the block of information on the second data processing entity including the automatic execution of the following steps in response to the third shortcut command:

opening (551-560) the shared file,

selecting (563) the block of information in the shared file,

inserting (566) the block of information into a second clipboard of the second data processing entity, and

pasting (572) the block of information from the second clipboard.

6. The method (300;500) according to any claim from 1 to 5, further including the step of selecting (328,345;533,557) an extension of the shared file on the first and second data processing entities.

7. The method (300;500) according to any claim from 1 to 6, wherein a predefined one of the data processing entities stores a plurality of shared files assigned to corresponding users, the method further including the step of:

configuring (309;315;509;515) each data processing entity in response to a log-in of a user to include the at least one shortcut command and the at least one further shortcut command for each shared file assigned to the user.

8. A computer program (220,225), directly loadable into a working memory of a system (100) including at least two data processing entities (105), for performing the method of any claim from 1 to 7 when the program is run on the system.

9. A computer program (220,225), directly loadable into a working memory of a data processing entity (105), for performing a method of sharing information among at least two data processing entities when the program is run on the data processing entity, the method including the steps of:

selecting (318;518) a block of information,

storing (321-336;521-548) the block of information in a predefined shared file in response to at least one shortcut command, and

retrieving (339-357;551-572) the block of information from the shared file in response to at least one further shortcut command.

10. A program product (160) comprising a computer readable medium on which the program (220,225) of claim 8 or 9 is stored.

11. A system (100) for sharing information among at least two data processing entities (105), the system including means (170,175) for selecting a block of information on a first one of the data processing entities, means (210,220,225) for storing the block of information in a predefined shared file in response to at least one shortcut command, and means (210,220,225) for retrieving the block of information from the shared file on a second one of the data processing entities in response to at least one further shortcut command.

12. A data processing entity (105) for use in a system (100) for sharing information among at least two data processing entities, the data processing entity including means (170,175) for selecting a block of information, means (210,220,225) for storing the block of information in a predefined shared file in response to at least one shortcut command, and means (210,220,225) for retrieving the block of information from the shared file in response to at least one further shortcut command.